

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-14 remain pending in this application and have been amended to more particularly define the invention.

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action contends that the claims are inaccurate by indicating that the test pattern measures characteristics of the logical integrated circuit and suggests amended language. The Examiner's suggestions are appreciated. During a telephone interview November 9, 2005, the undersigned attorney and the Examiner discussed alternative amended language, but did not decide upon specific language.

The claims have been amended in accordance with the intent of the Examiner's suggestions as understood from the Office Action and the telephone interview.

In addition, the claims have been amended as appropriate to avoid redundancies in descriptions of the scan path and to utilize consistent terms with respect to the input terminals and the output terminals of the flip-flops.

The indication that the claims distinguish in a non-obvious manner from the prior art is noted with appreciation.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-14, all the claims presently pending in the application, particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention and are patentably distinct over the prior art of record. Therefore, the claims are allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.

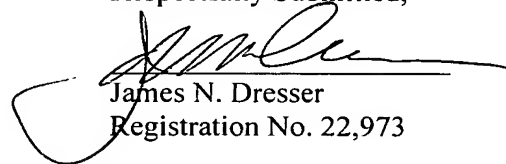
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Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary for allowance in a telephonic or personal interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, including extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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